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Claims 1-17 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, claims 6-7 and 13 have been amended and new claims 18-21 have been added. Support for these amendments and new claims 18-21 can be found, for example, at pages 9-10, page 14, lines 14-26, and the claims as originally filed. The undersigned avers that no new matter is introduced by this amendment. Accordingly, claims 1-21 are currently before the Examiner for consideration. Favorable consideration of the claims in view of this response is earnestly solicited.

The applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement as set forth in the Office Action dated May 4, 2004 and request that the Examiner rejoin the inventions of Groups I and II. It is respectfully submitted that rejoinder of the inventions would not create an undue search or examination burden on the Examiner or the Patent Office. At page 2, last paragraph, of the written restriction requirement, it is indicated that "the method of Group I" can be practiced using a materially different compound. Since the claims of Group I are drawn to compounds and compositions (claims 1-6 and 15-17), the applicants presume that reference to Group II was intended. The applicants expressly reserve the right to petition this restriction requirement.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

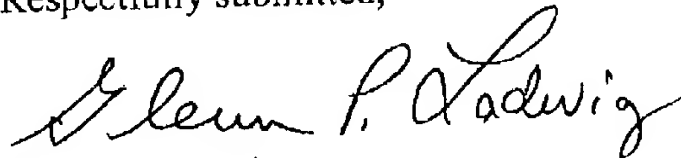
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The applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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